

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs 1 and 8. That is, Fig. 1 has been amended to include the subtitle for element (2) image processing device and Fig. 8 has been amended to correctly recite “Case of white/black-permuted.” In addition, replacements sheets are included for all Figs. 1 – 29, in which all of the elements in the drawings are now in referenced in English.



Fig.1

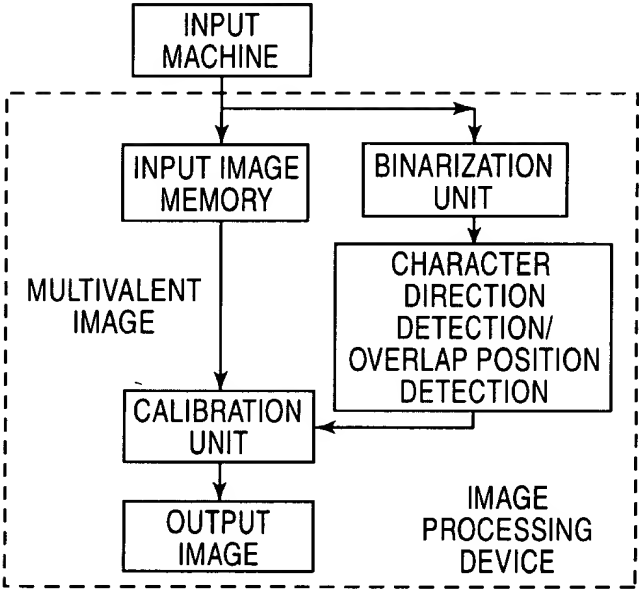
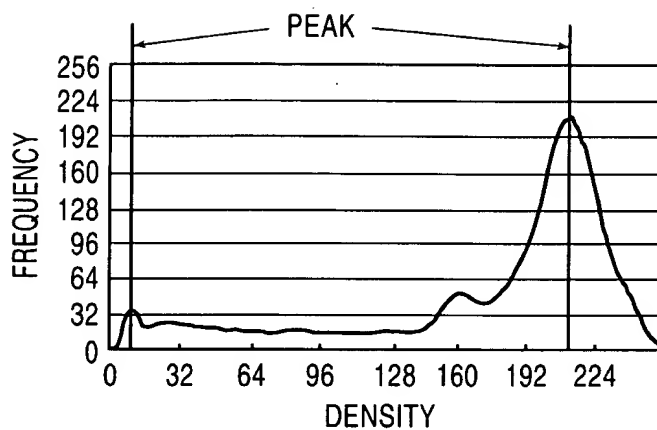


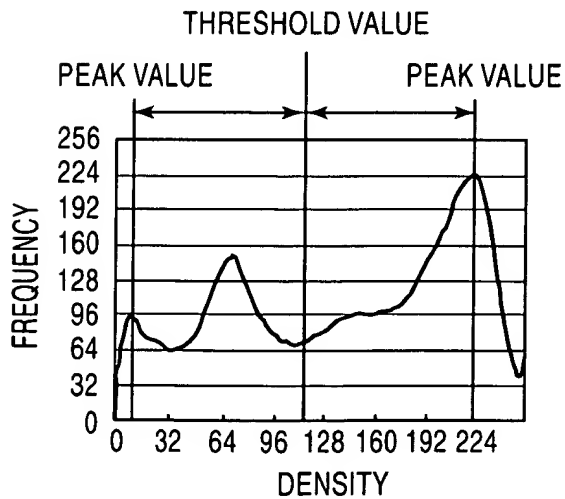


Fig.2



CASE WHERE TWO PEAKS HAVE ARISEN ON A HISTOGRAM

Fig.3



THRESHOLD VALUE DETERMINATION METHOD 1



Fig.4

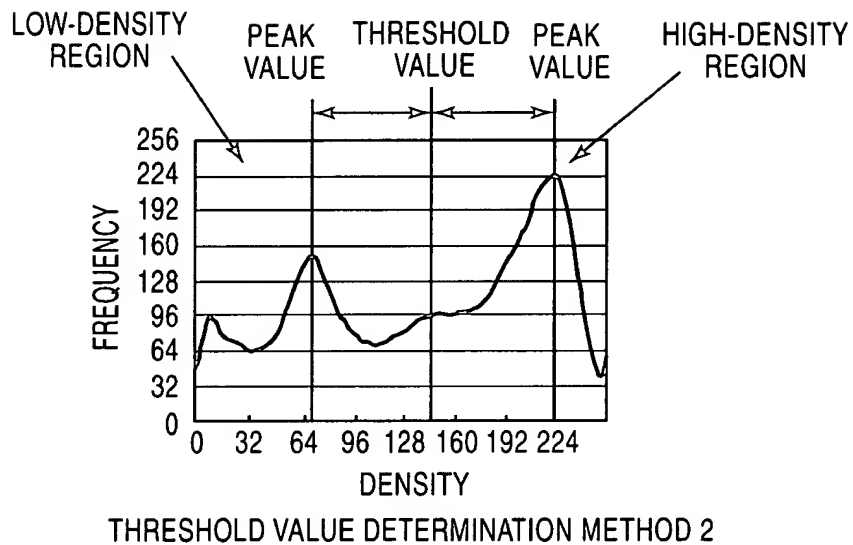


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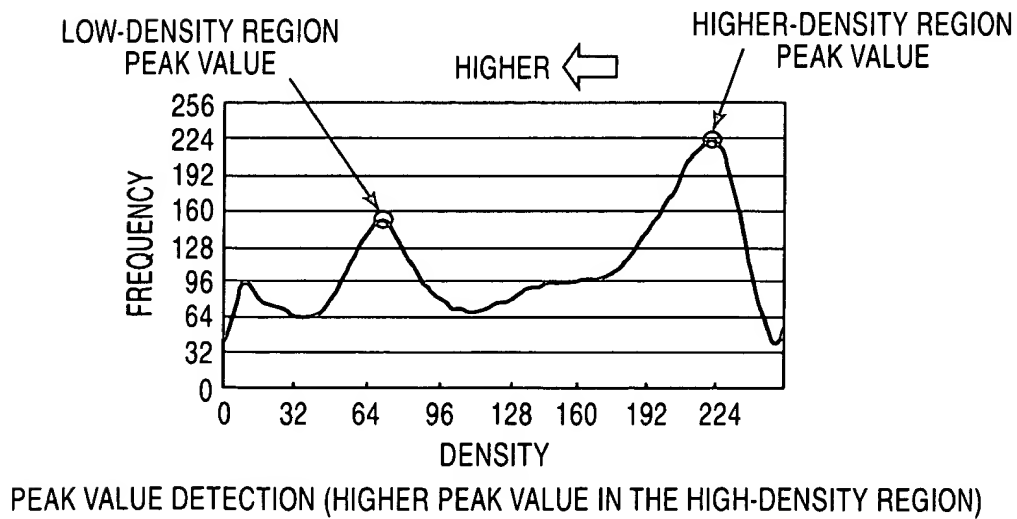


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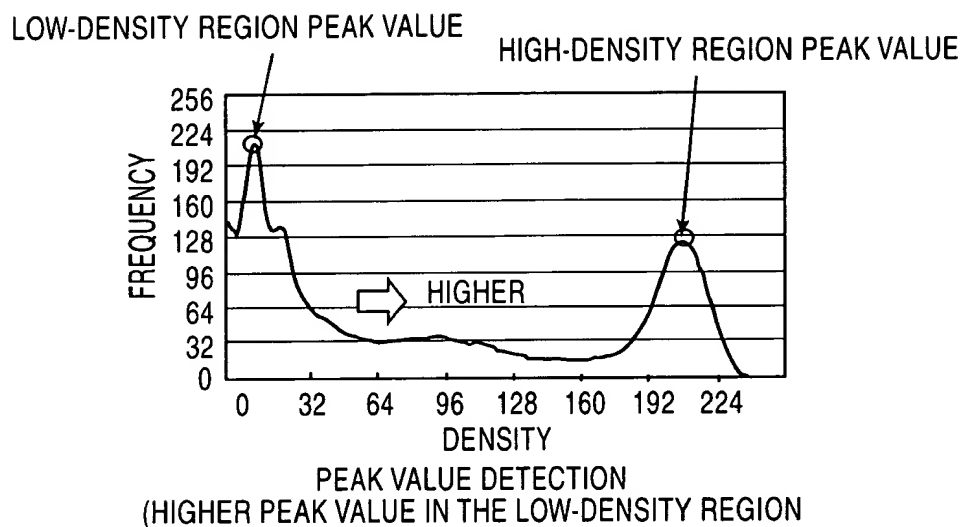


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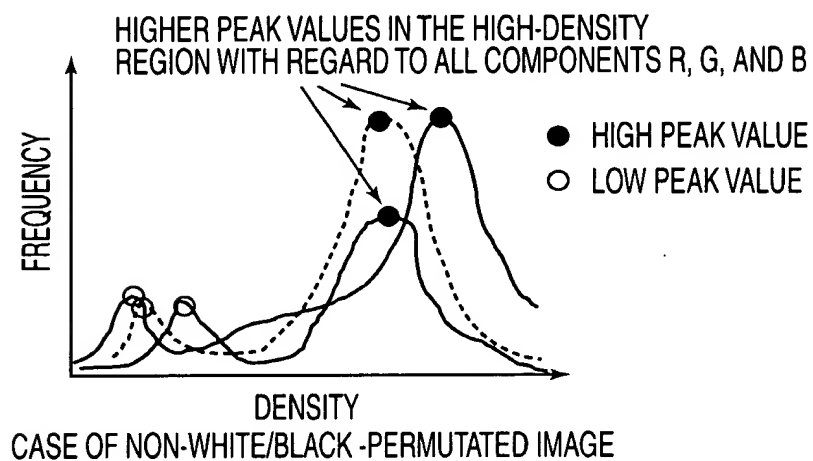




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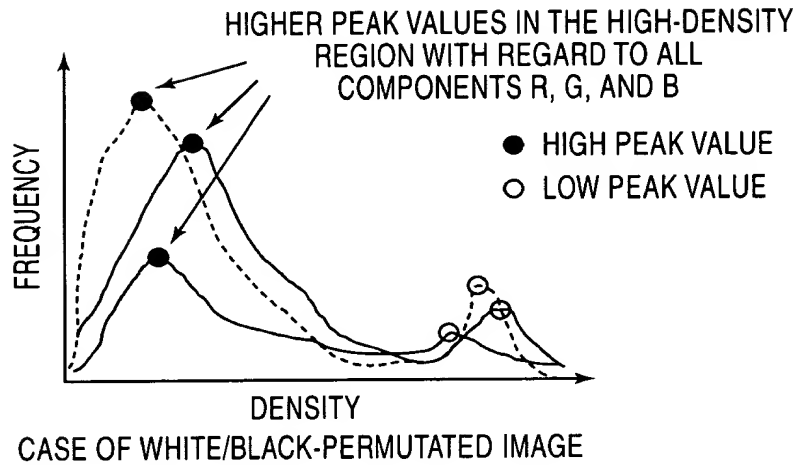


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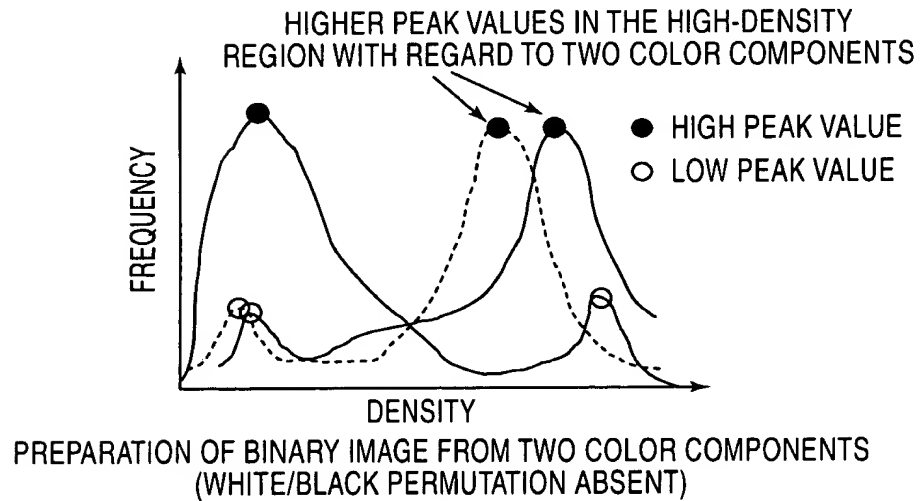
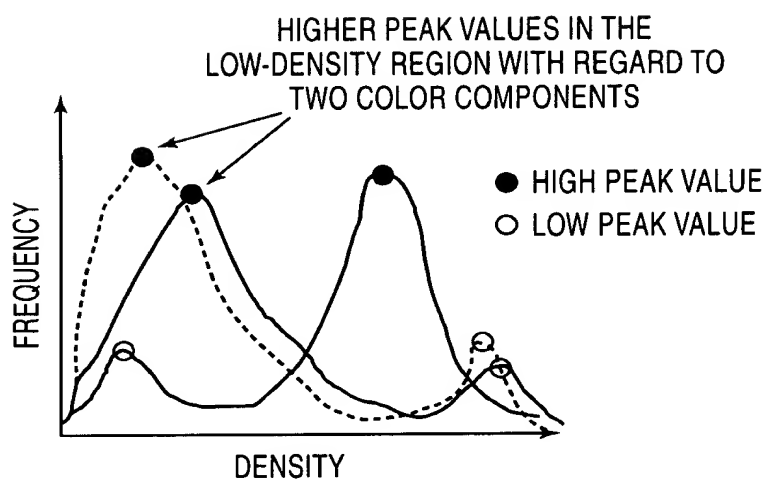




Fig.10



PREPARATION OF BINARY IMAGE FROM
TWO COLOR COMPONENTS (WHITE/BLACK
PERMUTATION PRESENT)



Fig.11

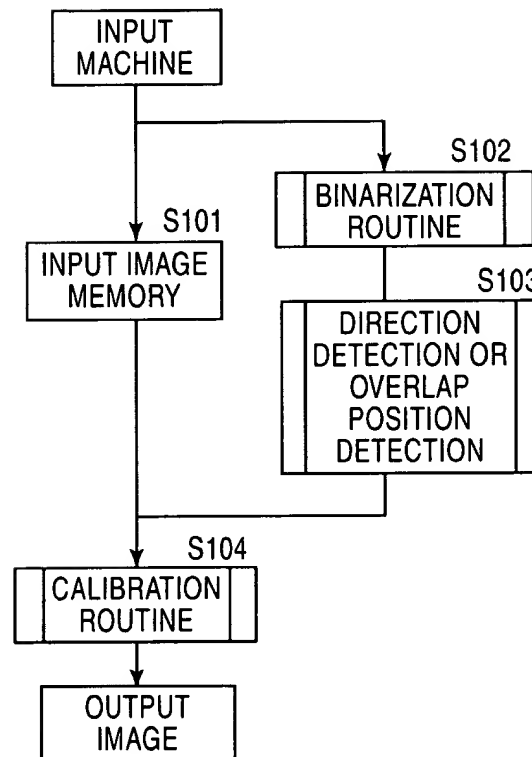




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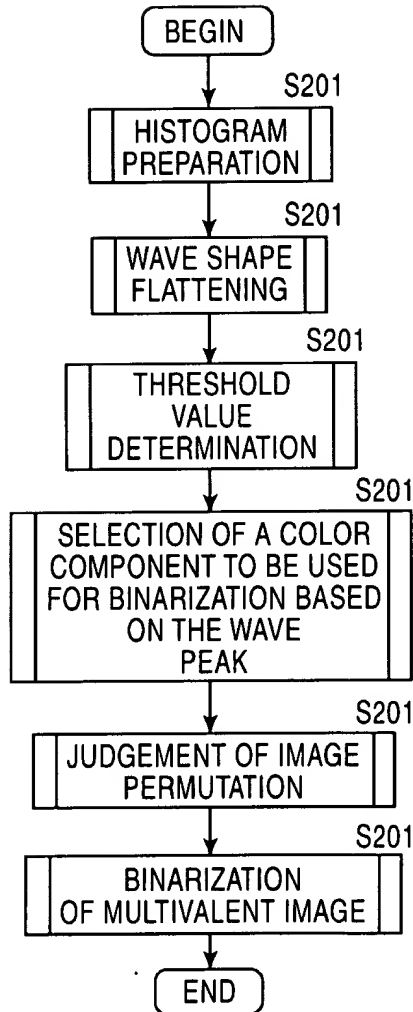




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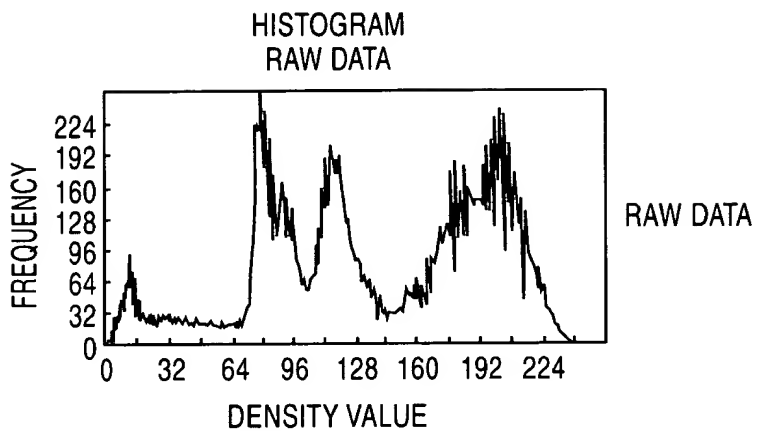


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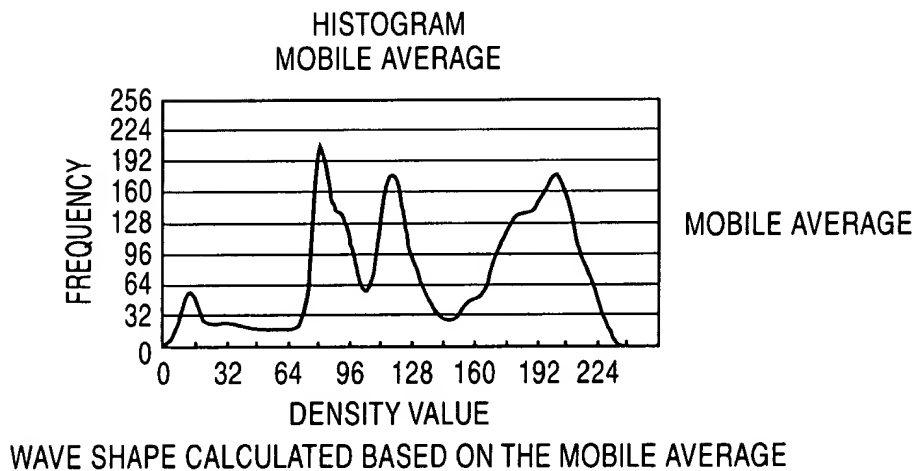
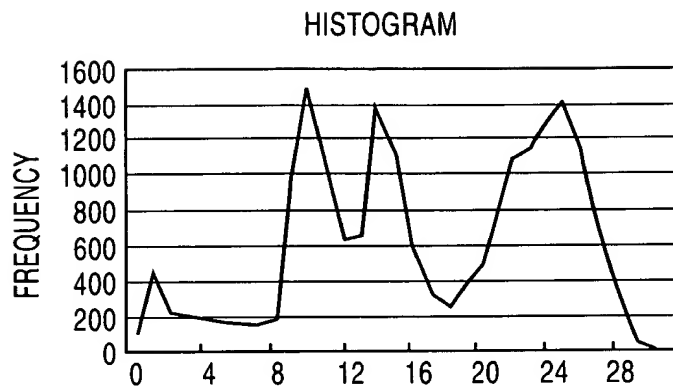




Fig.15



DENSITY (256th TONE -> 32nd TONE)

HISTOGRAM PREPARED FROM A
TONE-DOWNGRADED IMAGE



Fig.16

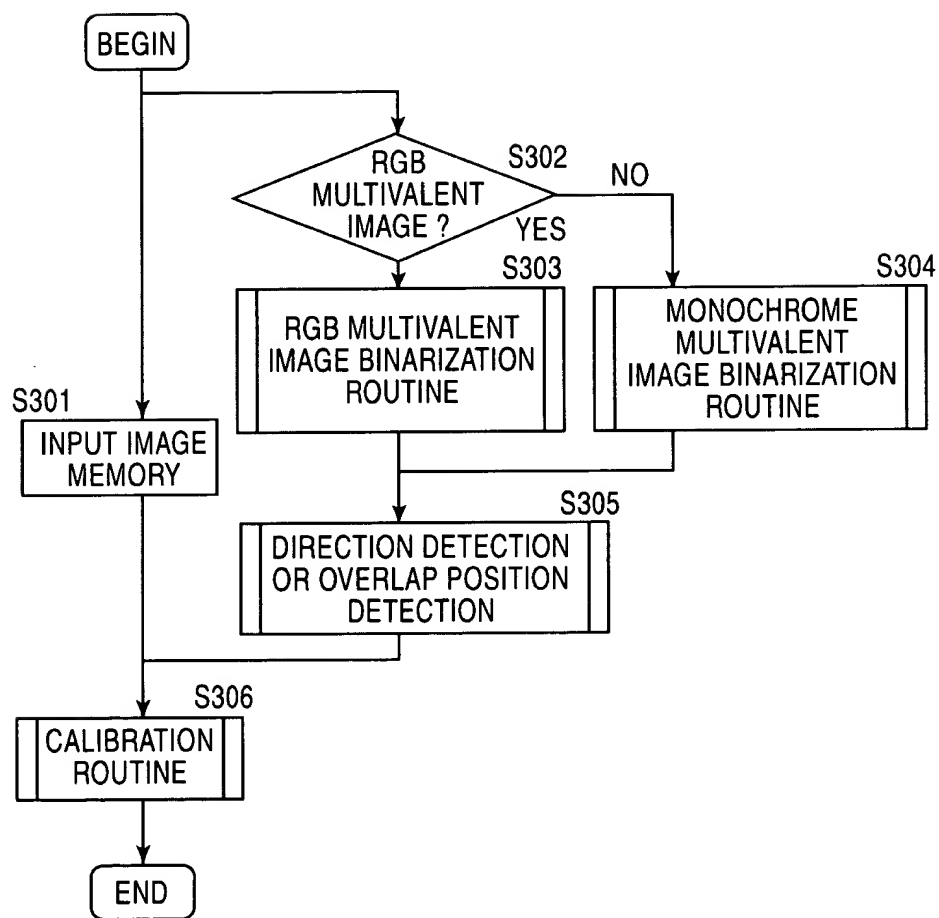




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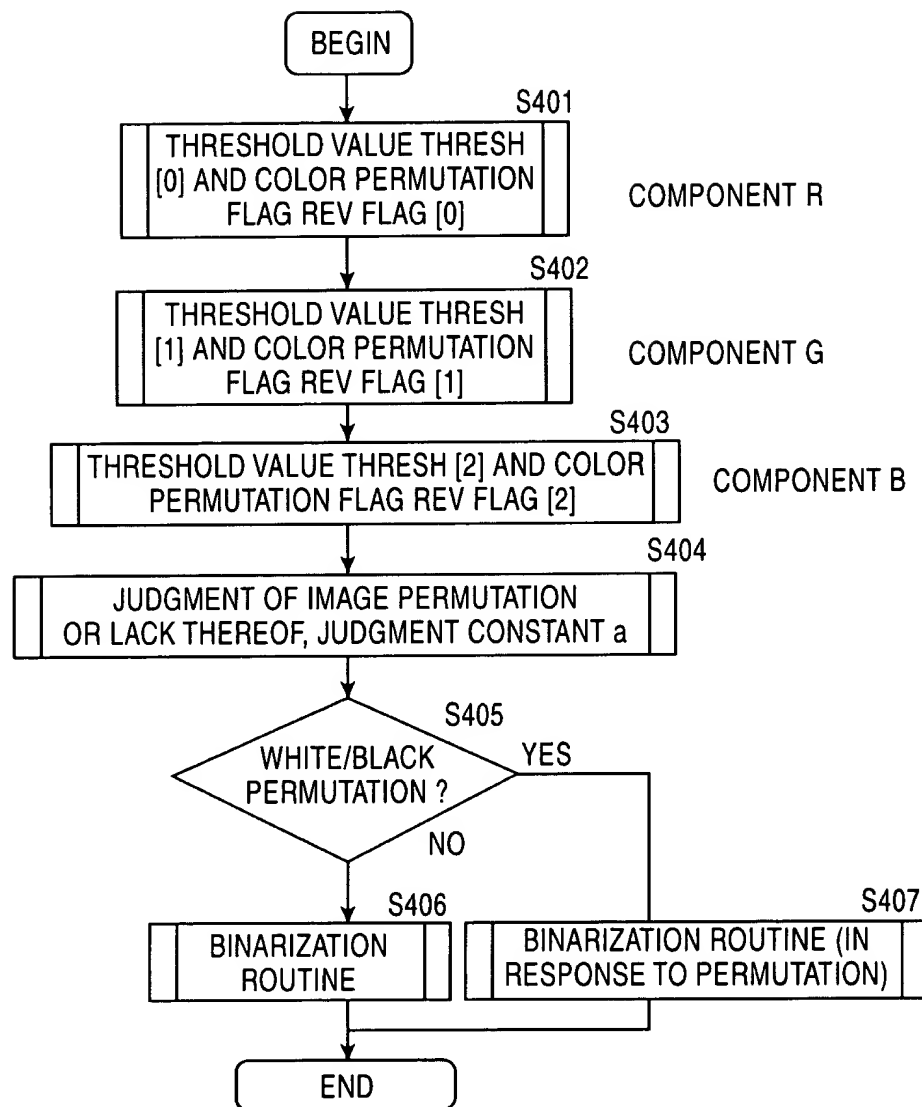




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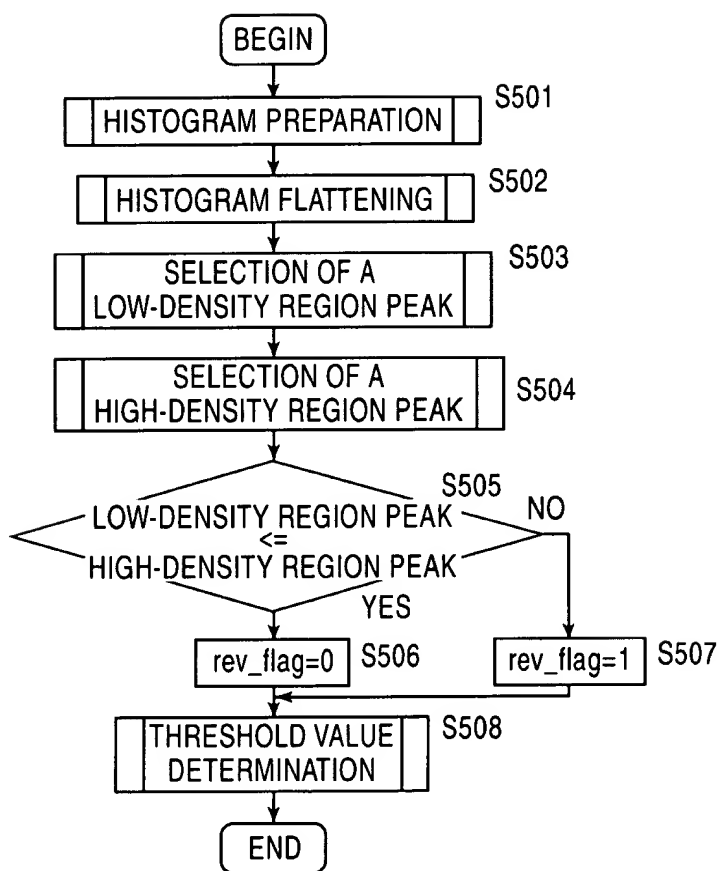




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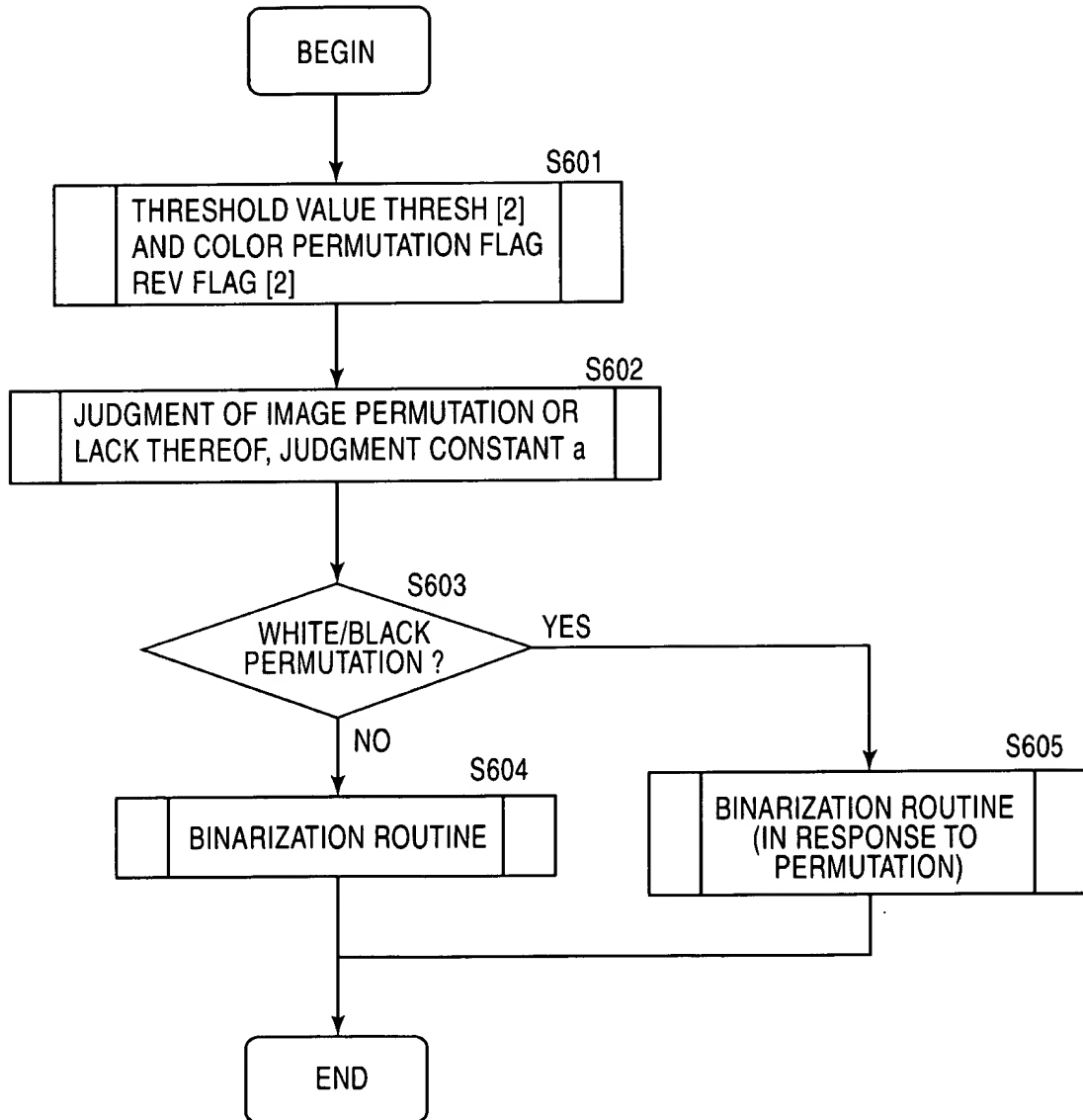




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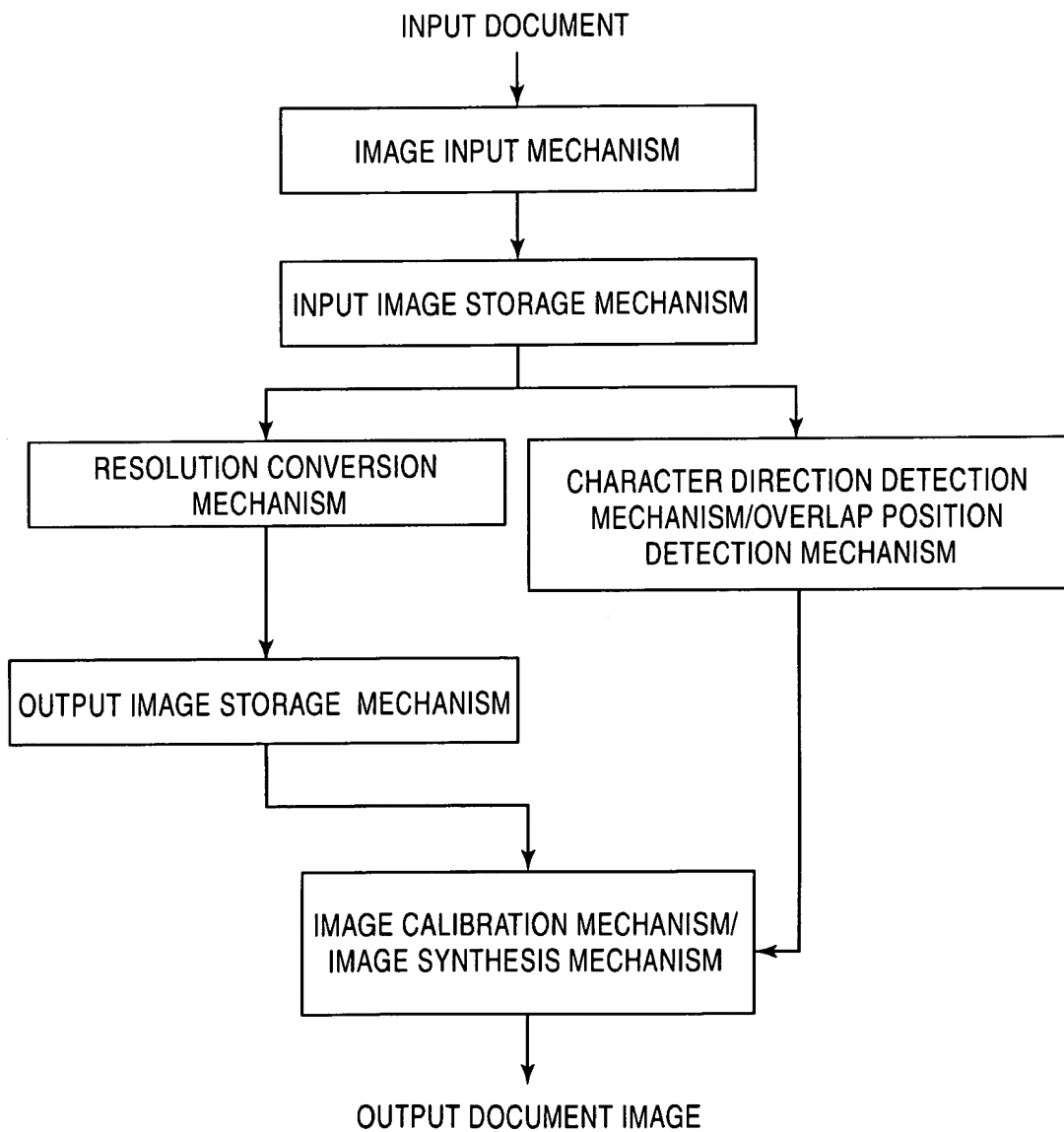




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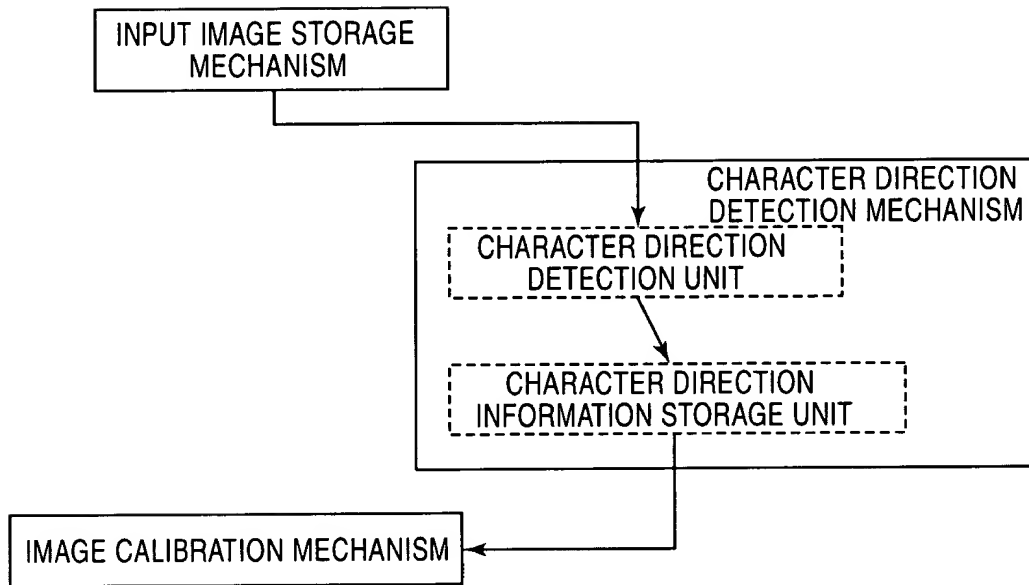


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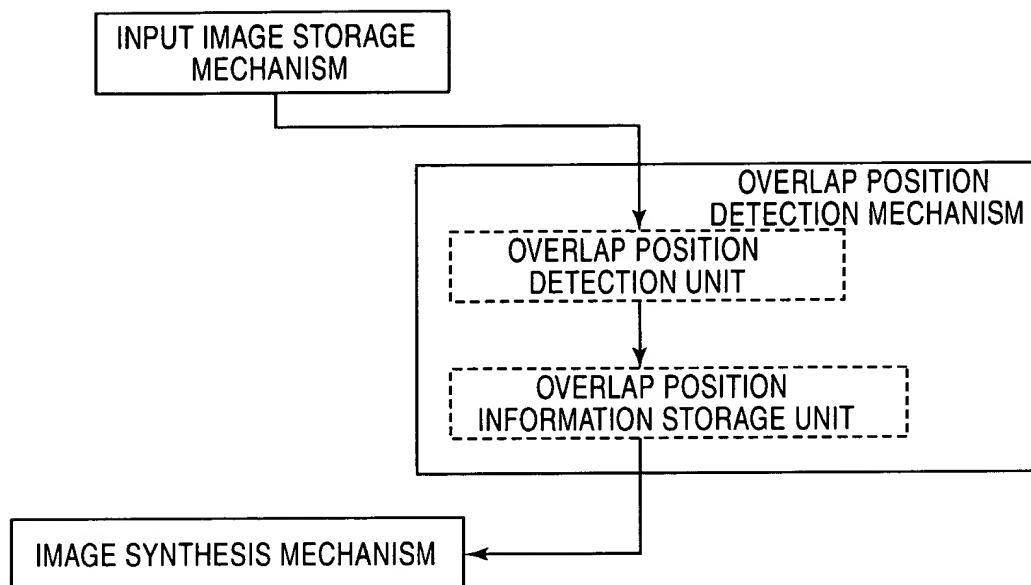


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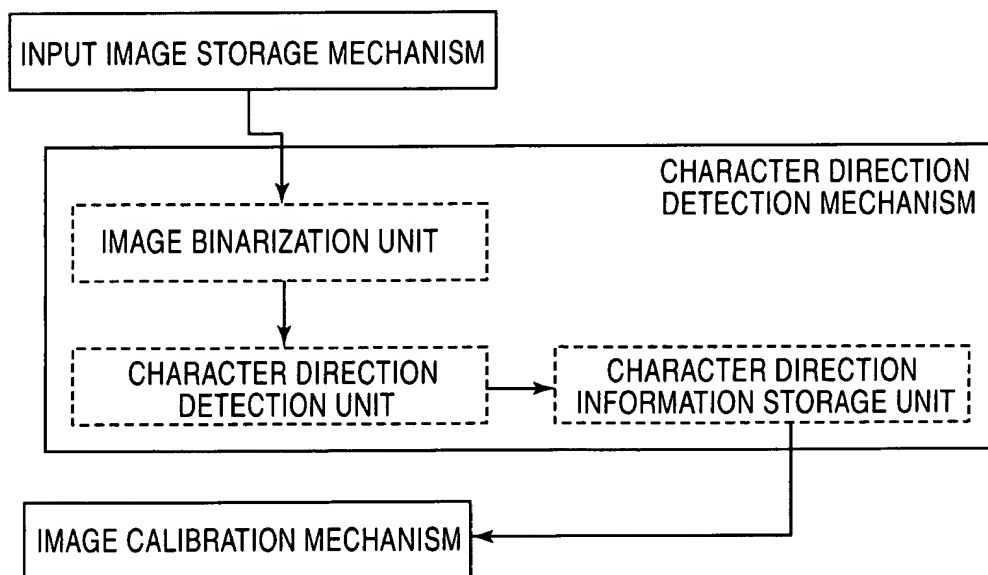




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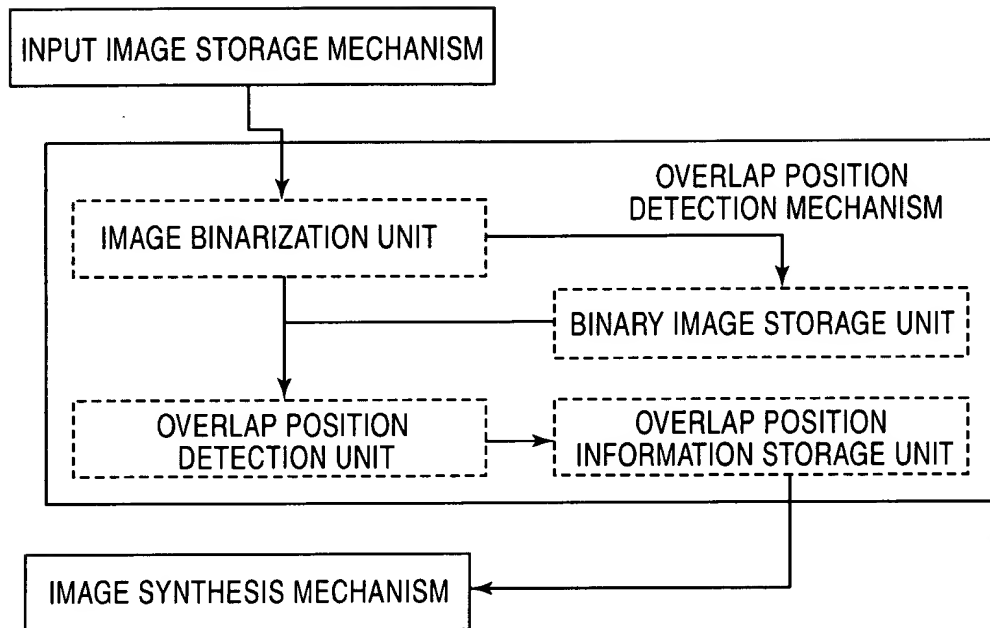


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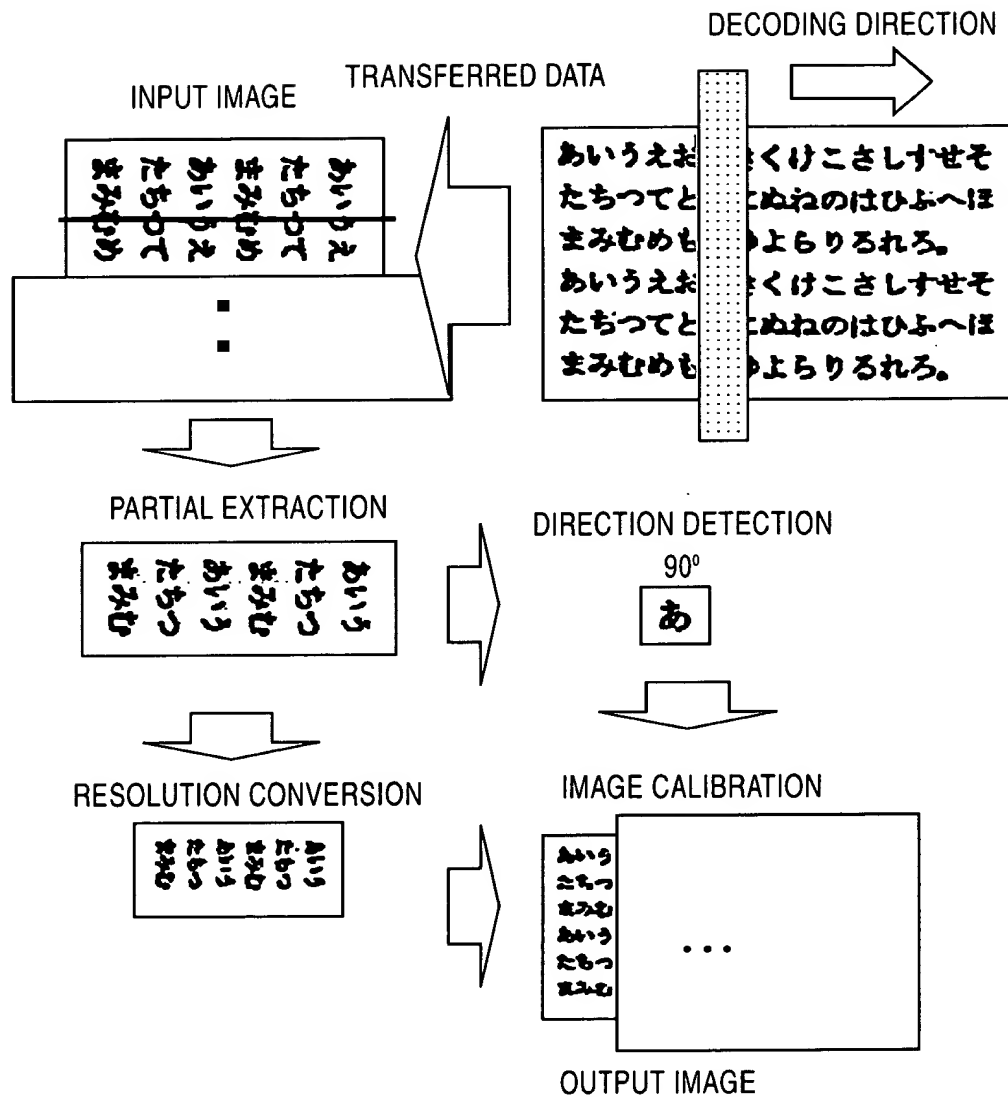


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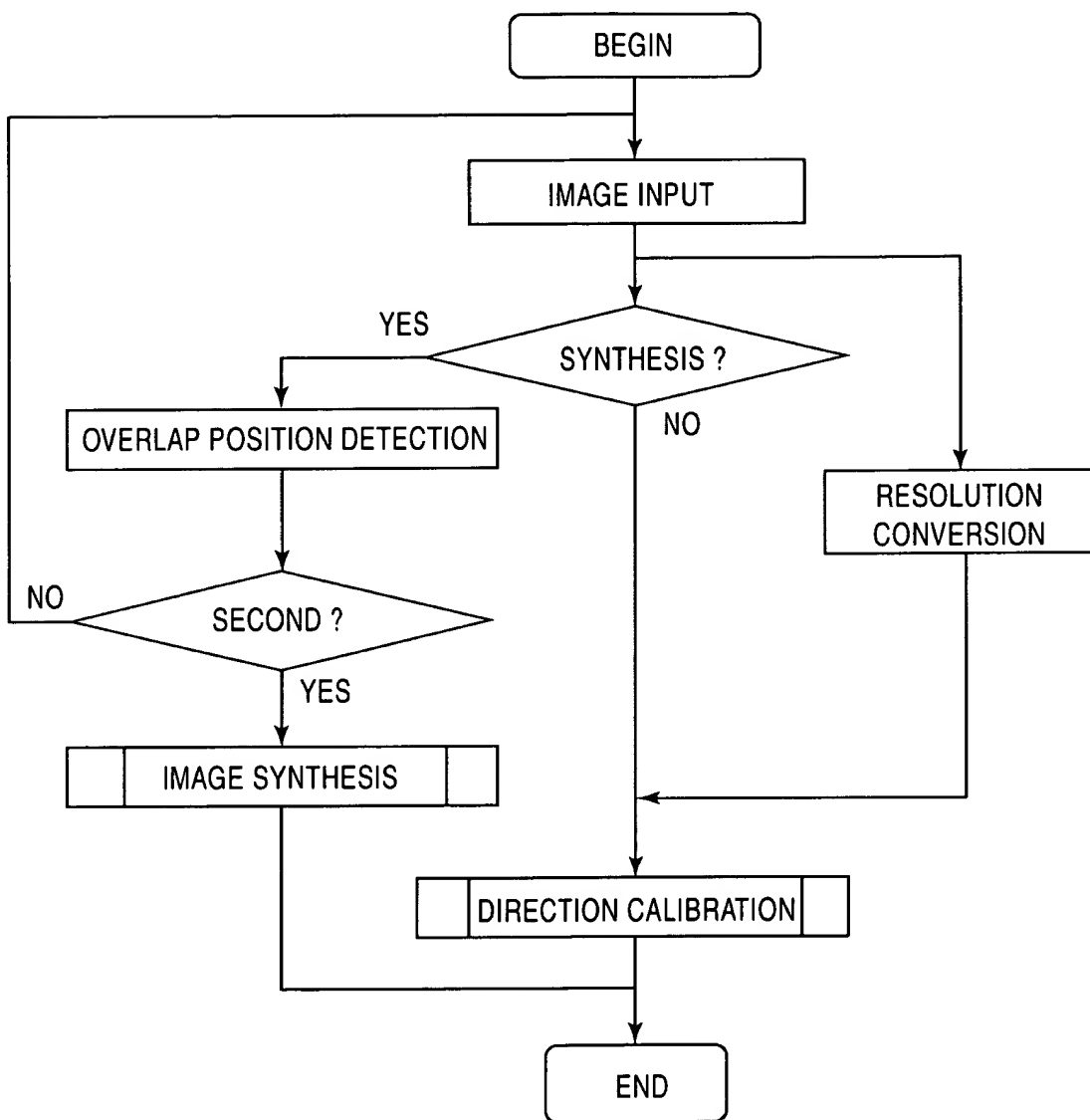




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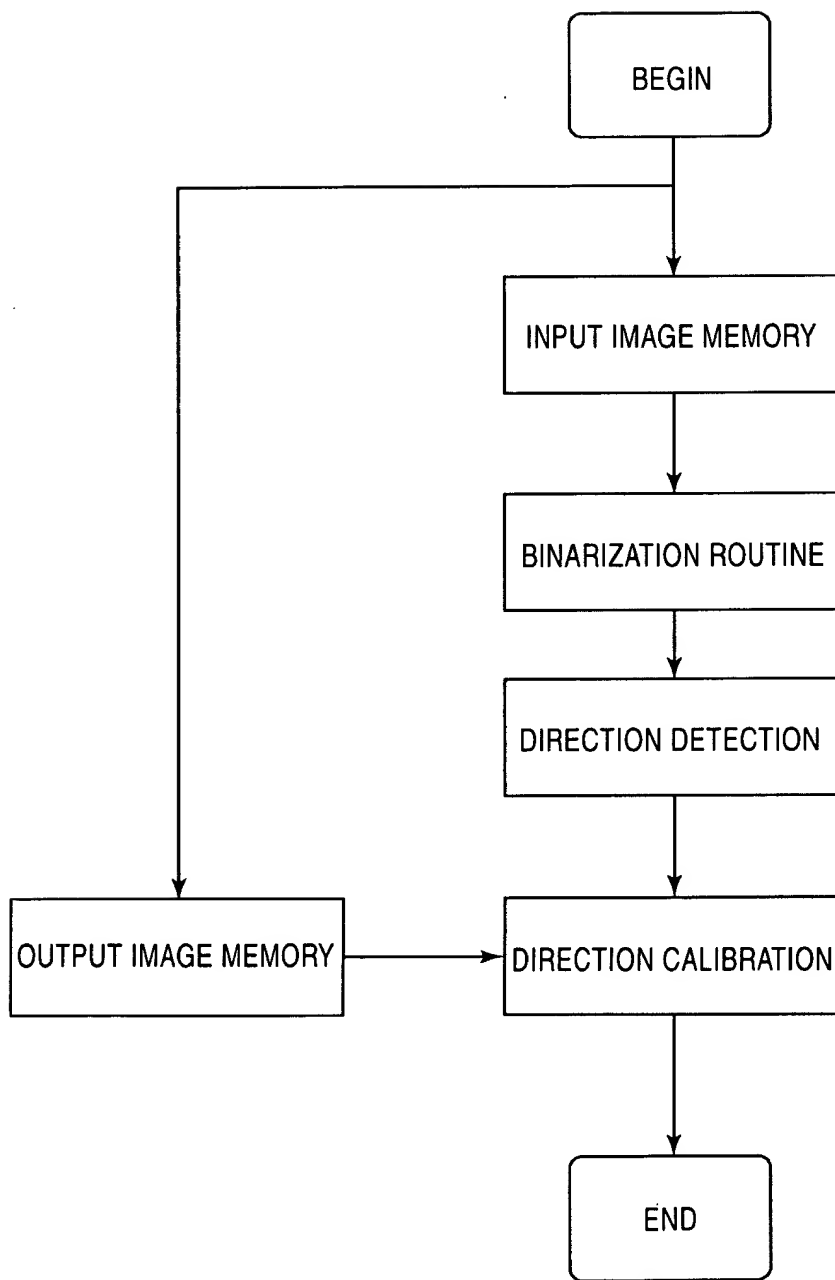


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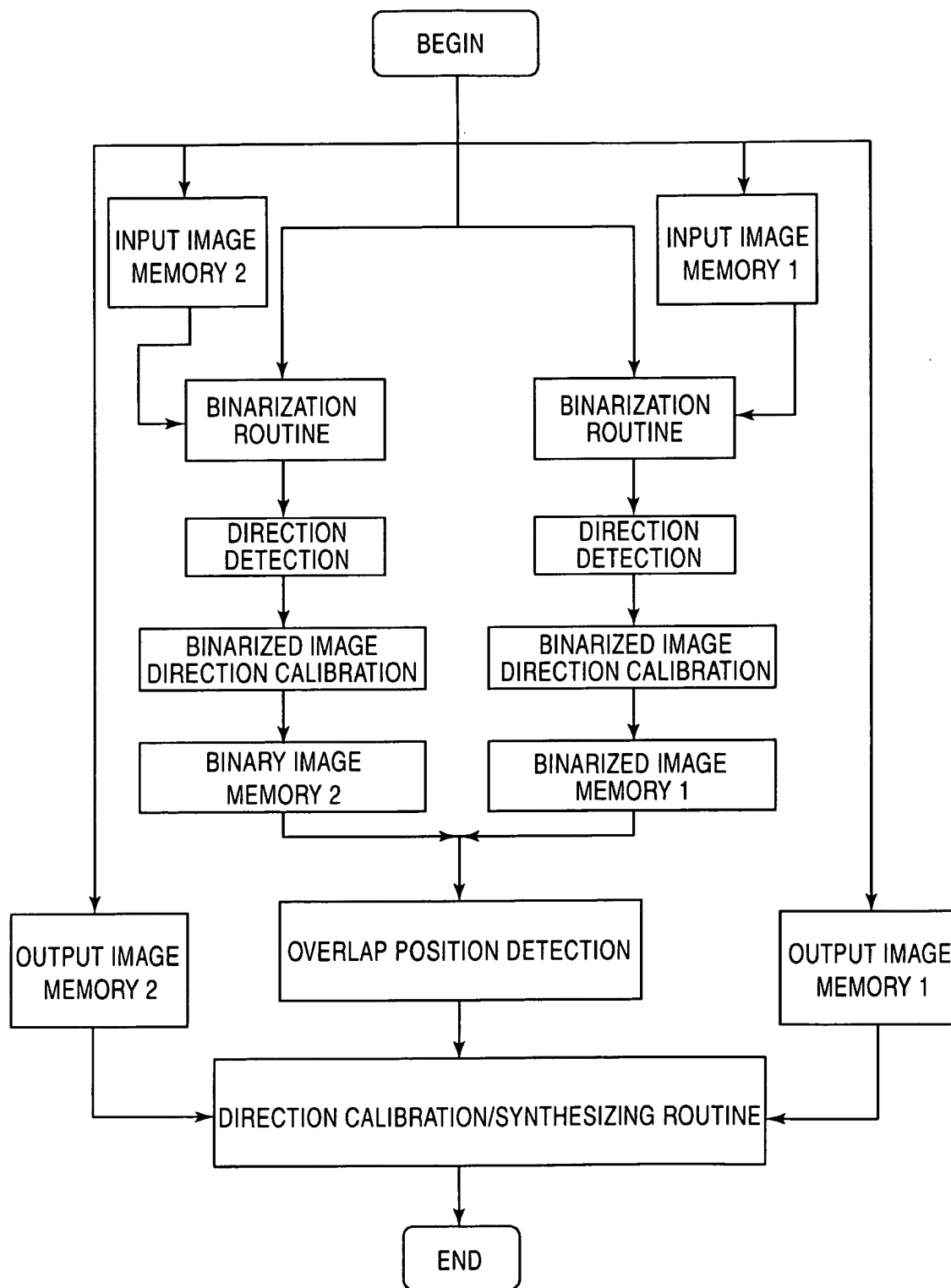




Fig.29

